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Letter To The Editor

To The Citizens of Appomattox:

On behalf of the 1977 Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Board, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for making the 1977 festival a success. The Board and civic organizations involved did a tremendous amount of work, but without your presence and enthusiam, it would have been of little value.

Any attempt to name organizations and individuals in this space would prove futile. The list is long and each person who helped was important.

Saturday's rain failed to dampen your spirits and on Sunday you really outdid your selves. The sun helped, but you, the people of Appomattox, showed your community spirit and pride in a wonderful way. Friends and families enjoyed the festival's many aspects together. You smiled, laughed, and played together.

We felt a great deal of pride in our community and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Patsy Butler, Festival Chairperson
Evelyn Heising, Festival Vice Chairperson

Virginia Fibre Reports

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending September 30, 1977. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albemarle	3,818.73
Amelia	2,200.00
Amherst	5,751.55
Appomattox	8,290.15
Augusta	□
Bedford County	4,441.64
Buckingham	10,929.46
Prince William	551.21
Campbell	7,328.09
Charlotte	797.84
Cumberland	5,240.97
Fluvanna	539.61
Goochland	3,926.86
Nelson	14,940.18
Nottoway	823.29
New Kent	-
Pittsylvania	542.15
Prince Edward	8,686.21

ROCKS

October 10 - So thankful for the much needed rain over the week end.

Farmers are busy sowing wheat and anxious to get some tobacco down.

The Executive Committee of the Appomattox Association had their meeting at Salem Church on Monday night with very good attendance.

Ruby Almond was quite sick on Tuesday. Glad she got better.

Mrs. Walter Ranson joined a group of quilters at Evergreen on Tuesday for a quilting at Mrs. Mott Harvey's.

Otis Ranson had surgery on Thursday. A very speedy recovery is wished him. He has returned home.

Mrs. Helen Inge, Ruby Almond, Minnie Taylor, Sandra McIntosh and Louise Roach visited the Children's Home at Salem on Thursday and visited Ethel St. John who works there. Mrs. St. John accompanied them back for a short stay at home.

Rev. A. M. Taylor left Saturday in an action campaign at Pinehurst Church in Richmond through Thursday, October 13.

Bro. C. W. Wilbun was in charge of both services at Rocks Sunday.

Glad to have Carleen Farrar back at her home.

The annual meeting of the Appomattox Baptist Association will be held on Thursday and Friday of this week. The evening session will be at Bethel Church near Phenix at 7:30 and the day session on Friday at Spring Creek Church at 9:45 a.m. All are encouraged to attend.

The brotherhood and WMS will have a joint meeting to install new officers for the new year on Wednesday night.

A number attended the Appomattox Railroad Festival Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aulden Roach and Mrs. Irna Roach and children attended the homecoming at Union Hill Church last Sunday.

A number attended the Ferguson Reunion at Pamplin Fire House on Sunday. Congratulations to Mrs. Pink Davis who was the oldest living member present. She received several gifts and Herman Richardson was presented a monkey.

Deepest sympathy is extended Mrs. Phyllis Robertson and family in the death of their son, Terry Lee on Wednesday afternoon near Blackstone and to his wife Ann. They both were newly wed a few days ago. Would not forget his grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Perdieu.

Get well wishes go out to Edna Carson of near Concord who is in the hospital from a car accident last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goat Davis of Pamplin.

Promoted

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark. - The U. S. Air Force has promoted Guy A. Woolma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Woolman of Rt. 1, Bluemont, Va., to the rank of captain.

Captain Woolman is serving at Blytheville AFB, Ark., as a B-52 Stratofortress co-pilot.

The captain, a 1969 graduate of Loudoun Valley High School, Purcellville, Va., received his B.A. degree in 1973 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University at Blacksburg and was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His wife, Donna, is the daughter of Mrs. Mildred P. Hubbard of Appomattox, Va.

The Pastor Speaks

In Psalms 25 and verse 10 the Psalmist gives some very wonderful admonitions about the Lord. He says, "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenants and his testimonies". Notice he said, "All", not some; not only those we would naturally choose; but all. This was my thought today. And mercy means loving kindness. "All the paths of the Lord are loving-kindness". Is not this a beautiful word from the Lord. There is a path which each of us must walk quite alone. We may be one of a family, even so we walk that path alone. The dearest of our dear ones cannot walk there with us. "He who follows Him the nearest needs must walk alone." Yet we are not alone for a single moment in that path which is one long stretch of loving-kindness and leads straight to the Father's house. Though we do not see Him now, yet He companions us; and, as we look back, we see that the path was always mercy and truth, and we know it is just the same today, and it will be the same at the end. Let us rest our hearts on this very lovely word. "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, lovingkindness and truth."

Submitted by,
J. N. Williams, Pastor
Liberty Chapel, Gladstone
Baptist Churches

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 322 HAS INVESTITURE & REDEDICATION CEREMONY

On Thursday night, Oct. 6, 1977 the girls of Troop 322, Mrs. Ellen Armentrout, leader, with Mrs. Debbie Knight, Mrs. Hazel Mayberry, assistant leaders and parents of the girls enjoyed a very nice evening when three new girls were envisted with all of other girls having rededication following the ceremonies there was refreshments for everyone.

Cindy Clark, Reporter

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EASIER DONE THAN SAID

Lesson for October 16, 1977

Background Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37
Devotional Reading: Matthew 20: 16-21

Rev. Althouse

I realize that the title of this week's column may seem, at first glance, a typographical error. We are accustomed to saying or hearing said that some things are "easier said than done." And, often, this is so.

That is evident in the religious atmosphere of Jesus' own day. People talked about religion a great deal. In fact, it was easily their favorite pastime. Some people even made a profession out of it—just as some of us still do today.

There was nothing the people loved so much as a good debate on some minor point in the law.

How do you read?

Last February while in Jerusalem, as I was taking a group of people through the building that is the traditional site of both David's tomb and The Last Supper, an old rabbi insisted that we come with him to see a very old and valuable Torah. As we entered the room there was a group of Hassidic Jews engaged in loud and animated discourse (the word "conversation" would be inappropriate). While we examined the scrolls, they became so loud and animated that I took the rabbi aside and asked what was the matter. Smiling broadly he informed me that "Nothing is the matter; they are just discussing the scriptures!"

I really shouldn't have been so unsuspecting for I have seen and heard Christians "discuss" the scriptures with the same degree of heat and volume. Human beings truely love to talk about religion.

Without being too hard on the lawyer who questioned Jesus in Luke 10, it seems to me that that was what he wanted too. He wanted to talk about religion and so he raised one of the familiar questions with which the religious debators and authorities liked to become engrossed: "...what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" The lawyer wanted to see how Jesus would answer the age-old question.

To justify himself

He must have been surprised when Jesus turned the question back to him and said, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" (10:26). Asked his opinion, the lawyer gave a textbook answer: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as yourself." Hearing this answer, Jesus said he was on the right track.

But the lawyer wasn't satisfied for he knew that it was an answer that wasn't an answer; it left too much unanswered: "And who is my neighbor?" Lord, it is easy to say, but how do we apply it? How do we live it in our lives?

It was in response that Jesus told the remarkable story of "the Good Samaritan" in which he demonstrated dramatically that we can debate these questions all our lives, but until we stop talking (the priest and the Levite who "passed by" were talkers), and start doing, as the Samaritan did, we will never learn that love often is, in truth, easier done than said!

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We're still seeing heavy damage from fall armyworms. Frost will stop them - chemicals cost and oftentimes extensive damage is done before the grower is aware of the problem. If you have alfalfa or small grain up watch it carefully.

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The annual summary of forage tests results is in for fiscal year '76-'77. I'm concerned about management of the important silage crop - corn. The most recent report shows that 19 forage samples were tested from this county last year, four less than a year earlier.

Statewide corn silage had an average Dry Matter content of 35.4%. In Appomattox 17 corn silage samples averaged 30.2%. We are still harvesting corn too green - - too wet and we are throwing dollars down the drain with this early harvest practice. There were only eleven counties in the entire state that had corn silage testing lower than Appomattox producers. These are counties like Augusta with 209 samples testing 35.7, Rockingham County with 539 samples testing 36.2, Montgomery County with 85 samples testing 38.5 and Wythe County's 70 samples testing 36.5.

Our silage producers know how to make high quality silage but we aren't getting it done. Corn producers who will make silage in 1978 need to plan now to delay harvest until it is mature.

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A recent study by the National Weather Service titled "Meteorological Drought Summary in Virginia (1929-1977) has just been released.

The study shows that there have been 31 drought periods over these 48 years for our area of Virginia. The severity of drought is termed: incipient drought, mild drought, moderate drought, severe drought and extreme drought. These 31 drought periods totaled 255 months. Broken down the severity is as follows: 47 months incipient, 116 months mild, 55 months moderate, 25 months severe and 12 months extreme.

The period that this report covers shows that February 1930 to September 1932 was the longest drought - 32 months. The next longest was 27 months from May 1965 to July 1967.

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With the drought that we continue to experience and grain prices down, beef cattle don't show a great deal. Farmers can and should look at some possible alternatives. For example, when is there a more opportune time to save dollars on fertilizer requirements than now - IF your soil nutrients are high to very high in phosphorus and potassium. If this is your situation, you might go several years without adding either of these.

Research work at the Holland Station shows no yield increase for corn if the soil tests high to very high.

Since both 1976 and 1977 were dry years and if you were fertilizing for 100 bushels, you may well have stored-nutrients.

Soil sampling now could possibly save you money on soils that you farm intensively.

Indications are that corn seed may be up as much as $8.00 next year, so we need to know where we might save a few bucks.

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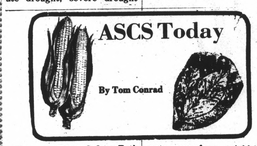
We've had a number of calls about powder-post beetles in recent days. This may indicate that others should become familiar with them and be on the look out.

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	.56
This Month	1.29
This Year	20.54

ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad



Farmers Reminded to Petition For ASC Committee Nominees - Farmers are reminded that the ASCS office is now receiving nominations for ASC community committee election candidates. All eligible voters were mailed a petition on Oct. 6. I encourage you to use this opportunity to nominate your farm neighbors as candidates in the ASC committee election.

The ASC committee provides the important service of administering govern m e n t farm programs to the farm community. The election will be conducted by mail from Nov. 25 to Dec. 5. Eligible farm voters will be provided with instructions for filling out the secret ballot and returning it to the ASCS office.

Most resident farmers are eligible to hold office as ASC committeemen. If you would like detailed information concerning eligibility requirements, you should contact the ASCS office.

In filing out a petition, you should be careful to include the name of only one nominee, the signatures of at least three eligible ASC voters who support the nominee and certification that the nominee is willing to serve, if elected. Petitions must contain this information, without it, they will not be accepted. The completed petition should be dated and mailed or be delivered to the ASCS office no later than October 31.

Any concerned farmer with an interest in serving fellow farmers would be an asset to the ASC committee. For this reason, you are urged to petition for the farmers of your choice. The individual farmer will benefit in the long run from a responsible, concerned team of ASC Committeemen in the local administration of U.S. government farm programs.

Tobacco Information

Tobacco marketing regulations prohibit the harvesting of a second crop of tobacco (except Burley). A second crop of tobacco is the harvesting from the same plants or different plants from the same acreage in any calendar year. The penalty for second crop harvesting (suckers) is a reduction in allotment for next year by the amount of acreage from which the second crop (suckers) was harvested.

Soil Samples

This fall would be a good time to take soil samples for next year's crops. We have soil sample boxes at the ASCS office and we will send the samples free of charge.

TOPS NEWS

On October 6, 1977, Susan Martin, co-leader, in the absense of Gaye Stafford, Leader, called the meeting to order and led the members in reciting the TOPS pledge.

Awards night -- the first Thursday of every month was presided over by Thelma Knight, weight recorder. Mary Frances Bryant was crowned Queen of the Month with a loss of 11½ pounds. Nancy Litchford was runner-up with a 9 pound loss. Nancy also received a one-month no gain award.

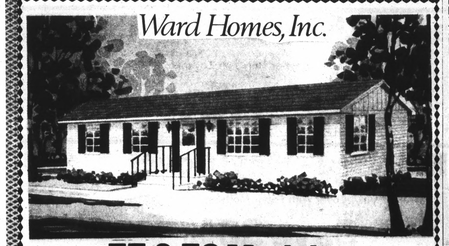
Those receiving a 2 month - no absenses award were as follows; JoAnn Shorter; Thelma Knight; Barbara Mayberry; and Nancy Mayberry. Theima Knight was the best loser of the week with a loss of 3¼ pounds.

Mary Beth Everly was chosen as the recipient of the monthly fruit bag.

Barbara Mayberry explained the current contest for the month and tabulated every one's total points.

The meeting was adjourned until the next meeting October 13, 1977, at the Fidelity Branch Bank, Weigh-in 6:30, Meeting begins at 7:00.

Lois Smith, Reporter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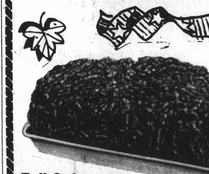
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